

The Wissahickon Brewing Co. is a family owned business that makes craft beer in small batches for local consumption in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. I began making beer at home with the help of the entire Gill family and became fascinated by the variety and quality of fresh beer. National beer competitions seemed like a good measure for confirming our belief that our beer was delicious and worthy of the high praise others offered. Several blue ribbons later it was clear that the Gill's had a handle on making beer and should consider going pro.

We researched several commercial locations around the city and Montgomery County. When we saw 3705 W. School House Lane we knew we'd found the best spot in the best neighborhood, East Falls.

Our first goal was to ensure we could utilize the building to produce and distribute beer by the keg and were pleased to discover the I2 zoning was appropriate for manufacture, storage and distribution. We learned from touring small breweries in San Diego, Portland and Grand Rapids that small craft breweries are welcoming places for the communities they serve when the public is able to visit and experience the craft beer at the place it's produced. The old offices supporting the warehouse seemed like a good way to add a tasting room with some slight modifications.

Our intention is to make Wissahickon Brewing Co. beer available for customers to walk in and purchase by the glass, growler or can. We will invite food trucks to set up outside to serve an ever changing variety of foods during our hours of operation. Our styles of beer will be basic ales and seasonals to start with, adding variations according to customer demand. We will offer tours of the production brewery and explain the beer making process. We hope to achieve a friendly meeting place that in a family and pet friendly environment. We will serve our fresh craft beer and possibly Pennsylvania produced wines by the glass. Unlike a typical bar we will have limited hours of operation opening at 5pm and closing around 10pm. We have ample parking on premises for approximately 25 cars. The building facade will be painted with earth tone colors and a simple sign letting visitors know they've arrived.

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